

## **WILMINGTON DOG PARK AT EMPIE**

**For more information: call 341-3237**

The Dog Park is located at Empie Park (3300 block of Park Avenue). The Dog Park is the result of the cooperative efforts of the Wilmington Dog Park Committee, a private citizen group, and two City departments, Community Services and Public Services.

### **About the Dog Park.....**

Wilmington Dog Park at Empie is the first functional off-leash dog park in Wilmington. The park was incorporated into a 2-acre site of unused land within the confines of Empie Park.

In recent years, there has been growing interest in the Wilmington area for the creation of a park where pet owners can release their dogs to run freely without fear of vehicles or lost animals. The loss of beaches for this purpose and the recently passed leash law has added to the demand for this facility.

A committee of interested citizens formed several months ago to work toward the goal of establishing a dog park. The committee has been very successful in its fund raising endeavors, having received the support of many individuals and corporate sponsors. The Dog Park Committee raised over \$20,000 to cover the costs of the fencing and signage, and the City provided some in-kind services.

The committee also worked to establish an organization that will assist the city in the management of the park to address pet waste and dog behavior issues.

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Open: August 2006

## **DOG PARK FEATURES:**

The City of Wilmington and the Wilmington Dog Park Committee have joined together to implement Wilmington's first off-leash dog park.

- Free
- Open from Dusk to Dawn
- Completely Fenced Area
- Large Dog & Small Dog Play Areas
- Water and Pet Waste Stations
- Parking and restrooms are located at Empie Park

## **DOG PARK RULES:**

- Dogs Must Have Current License And Current Vaccinations.
- Children Under Age 12 Are Not Permitted.
- Be Considerate! – You Are Required To Clean Up After Your Dog. Waste Stations Are Provided For Your Convenience.
- Dogs That Act In An Aggressive Manner Must Be Muzzled Or Removed.
- Owners Are Responsible For Any Injuries Caused By Their Dogs.
- Food & Toys Are Not Allowed In The Dog Park.
- Eyesight Supervision & Vocal Control Of Dogs Is Required.
- Do Not Leave Dogs Unattended.
- Upon Entering Or Leaving The Dog Park, Dogs Must Be On A Leash At All Times.
- Owners must carry a leash at all times.
- Female Dogs In Heat Are Prohibited!
- Puppies Less Than 4 Months Of Age Are Prohibited.
- Running/Jogging, Ball Playing And/Or Riding A Bike Are Not Permitted.